

MINUTES OF THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS HISTORIC COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 9, 2013, IN THE CITY OFFICE MEETING ROOM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Peterson, City Councilman, Tom Shimizu, Chairman, Gayle Conger,
Jeri Harwell, Don Antczak, Sylvia Orton, John Glauser, Pat Menlove,
Beverly Lund

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jerry Christensen, Max Evans, Dean Smart

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Peters, John Peters

The meeting was called to order at 6:24 P.M. Mr. Shimizu turned the time over to John Glauser who introduced Jim Peters to the committee. Mr. Peters is a resident of our City and does business all over the U.S and elsewhere. Mr. Glauser asked him to come tonight and give a presentation on the work that he does in relation to our marker project for the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail.

Mr. Peters is the owner of Interpretive Graphics . His son, John, works for the company and between the two they passed around many examples of their work and samples of the finished product and answered the questions asked. The committee was very impressed and favored the Novalloy Metal Micro-imaged signs.

Mr. Glauser was worried that the cost of the marker may be much more than he had proposed in the budget because he had used the markers in Holladay as his cost basis. Ms. Orton said she thought we could pay for some with this year's budget and the balance after July in next year's budget. Mr. Peters will give the committee an exact price once we determine the size, number and whether or not graphics are used.

Councilman Peterson indicated that after our last meeting he had mentioned this company and their work to the City Council and they were very excited. He mentioned that the City is interested in doing the job right. Once we decide on the exact specifics the City will call for bids on the project.

Mr. Peters said that there are three costs associated with the project. The first is the graphics cost; second, the actual fabricating the sign; third, the cost of mounting. His company can do all three.

Jeri Harwell asked what type of lead time we are looking at. Mr. Peters said that probably one month in preparing the graphics and getting the approval, two months to fabricate, and a week or two to mount. It is very possible to finish by summer.

In looking at the samples Ms. Harwell said she thought that we would not have to shorten the longer texts.

Councilman Peterson reported the City has a new City Manager, his name is John Park. He began last week and is just getting oriented and will probably visit our committee in the near future. He has an outstanding background and presently lives in Utah County. Linda Dunleavy will remain as the Deputy City Manager, a job she was promoted to several months ago.

The Councilman was happy to announce that the City was sponsoring a volunteer appreciation dinner on the 26th of this month. He passed a paper around and asked that we indicate if you were going to attend and our partner's name and he would turn in the RSVP for us.

Another matter of business the Councilman brought up was that three of the committee member's terms have expired as of January 1st, 2013. Those members are Sylvia Orton, Tom Shimizu, and Beverly Lund. He will bring this to the City's attention so they can take action. He noticed that two terms expired last year, Gayle Conger and Jeri Harwell. They indicated that the City had asked them to return for another term. The terms are for three years and limited to two consecutive terms. Karen Larrabee chose not to return last year.

Councilman Peterson also informed the committee that Mr. Shimizu had received a letter advising us that the City had been approved as a Certified Local Government, thanks to the information provided to us by Gayle Conger. This allows us to now apply for certain grants. He checked with the City and they have not been officially informed of the acceptance.

The last item of importance the Councilman wanted to share with our committee was in regards to an article he is assigned to write for the Cottonwood Heights Journal. He plans to write it on the history of the area and its importance. He will also write about our committee and the progress we have made in uncovering the history. The committee was excited about the article. It will include the historical markers.

Mr. Shimizu asked if the historic street signs had been discussed with the City Council. Councilman Peterson responded that he had mentioned that project and the Council was very receptive of the idea and we now need to identify the areas of those signs. John's committee will make a list to present to our committee for our approval before they are turned over to the City.

During the discussion of streets to place the "historic street signs" Bev Lund asked why the City changed the City Council boundary lines. Councilman Peterson briefly explained that it was to align the districts to match the new voting precincts set up the state legislature. He then returned to the subject at hand, the historic street signs. He will take whatever names we come up with to the City Council. If we want, we can just start with three or four and then expand from there. The names to start with were Colbrook Corner, Danish Town, and Butler Hill.

Following the agenda, Mr. Shimizu asked for Sylvia Orton's report. Her first report was on the location of the committee recorders. She indicated that all five of the recorders have been accounted for. One recorder stopped working, one has been turned in, Ms. Larrabee and Mr. Cromar still have recorders they are using to type oral histories, and Don Antzac has the fifth one he will be turning in at the next meeting.

Ms. Orton reported that three members had already turned in a Historical Question and Answer for the Journal. Some of the members had theirs ready and several responded that they would email one to her. Pat Menlove asked for help in choosing a subject and Ms. Conger agreed to help. Ms. Orton thanked those who had their "Q&A" and said she would send an email reminding the others.

Jeri Harwell reported that she is still working on her Union history project. She has some information on the Union area that she received in a church meeting and will begin her fact checking. She was given some names of early settlers in her area. Those mentioned were Milnes, Proctors, VanValkengburgs..

Mr. Antczak suggested she visit Karen Larrabee, past member of our committee as her maiden name was Forbush and they were also original settlers in the area.

Don Antczak turned in notes on his project and still has some other information to collect.

Mr. Shimizu reported that he is still working on his project.

The committee is anxious to get the information that our past chairman, Kevin Cromar, has. Ms. Orton suggested that Linda Dunleavy might be a good representative from the City to make the contact. Councilman Peterson will also help. Mr. Shimizu suggested that Ms. Conger and Ms. Orton be included in the meeting.

Mr. Shimizu assigned Mr. Glauser and his City Sites, Buildings, and Artifacts Committee, Ms. Conger & Dr. Smart) to meet with Councilman Peterson and the City Purchasing Agent to go over the specifications for the markers on the Big Cottonwood Canyon Road. Mr. Glauser asked about the possibility of having graphics on the markers. He thought that at least nine of the narratives could have graphics. Ms. Orton said that we had discussed this before and we have no pictures of any of the sites. She felt that we didn't need to make them up just to put a graphic on a sign. Councilman Peterson felt that the graphics were not necessary.

Gayle Conger turned in additional information that she had collected on the Danish Town area and also a history that a granddaughter of William Spencer Covert had written. Mr. Shimizu will keep the material.

Mr. Shimizu asked the committee to go over the City Ordinances in regards to our committee. He also mentioned some oral history instruction papers that Ms. Orton had given him and asked if everyone had a copy of them. Ms. Orton responded that the only ones that were on the committee at the time of the training were Gayle Conger, Jerri Harwell, Tom Shimizu, Don Antczak, and herself. This will be good information to have when anyone of us does an oral history.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M. Our next meeting is at 6:15 P.M. on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.